

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Exhibit 2b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value In thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Commodity Grouping	March 2004 Cumulative To Date - Final		March 2003 Cumulative To Date - Final	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Total Selected Commodities	184,416	456,422	180,132	351,451
Ingots And Steel For Castings	594	939	8,296	11,111
Blooms, Billets And Slabs	32,442	63,850	30,702	42,048
Wire Rods	6,032	12,779	9,493	15,062
Structural Shapes Heavy	794	1,998	307	860
Plates Cut Lengths	7,610	17,224	6,280	10,807
Plates In Coils	6,483	15,683	4,846	7,835
Bars - Hot Rolled	4,728	13,233	3,165	6,133
Bars - Light Shaped	3,944	8,942	2,607	5,670
Bars - Cold Finished	12,095	31,499	13,873	30,609
Stainless Pipe & Tubing	24,673	93,672	19,356	70,479
Wire Drawn	8,974	29,670	7,738	22,615
Sheets Hot Rolled	1,385	2,595	1,277	1,706
Sheets Cold Rolled	65,589	136,026	61,491	96,085
Strip - Hot Rolled	197	346	97	240
Strip - Cold Rolled	8,876	27,966	10,603	30,191

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or www.census.gov/foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html.